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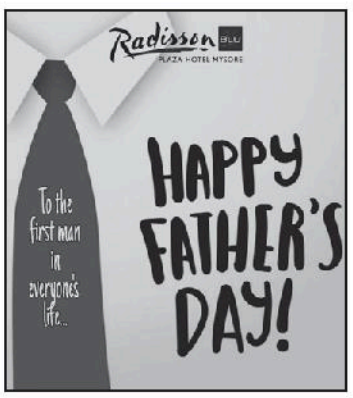


45,000 jabs target in Mysuru tomorrow

Prior registration or on-the-spot inoculation to be decided by evening

Mysuru, June 20 (MTY,SSV& BCT)- A mega vaccination drive will begin in Mysuru district from 10 am tomorrow (June 21) to inoculate all those between the target age group of 18 and 44 and the District Administration has geared up for the event that coincides with the International Day of Yoga (IDY) that also falls tomorrow.

The State Government has set itself an ambitious target of inoculating seven lakh people on this day. The theme of IDY-2021 is 'be with yoga, be at home' because of the raging pandemic situation and the lockdown and recently, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had announced free vaccines for beneficiaries of 18 to 44 category from June 21 to coincide with IDY.

File photo

Health and Family Welfare Department officials said that the mega 'Lasika Mela' would be launched tomorrow as a special drive to cover all eligible groups: 18-44 age group, 45-plus age group, health workers, frontline workers and vulnerable groups.

Karnataka has a stock of 14 lakh vaccines and in Mysuru, both the district and Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) combined, a target has been set to vaccinate 45,000 people in a single day.

Mysuru has received 39,000 doses of Covishield and 12,000 doses of Covaxin for tomorrow's drive and the district has a population of 16 lakh between 18 and 44 years.

Each vaccination centre in the district will get a minimum of 150 vials and a maximum of 500. As of now, the jabs will be administered on a first-come-first-serve basis and a decision on prior booking will be taken this evening.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, Dr. L. Ravi, Reproductive and Child Health Officer (RCHO) and Nodal Officer for COVID-19 vaccination in Government Hospitals, said that there are 175 vaccination sites in Mysuru including 166 Primary Health Centres (PHCs), Community Health Centres (CHCs) and Taluk Hospitals.

"Vaccines will reach all taluks by this evening and we will get the guidelines from the State Government in view of confusion whether vaccination can be done on-the-spot or with prior registration on CoWIN portal," he added.

Unlike earlier, this time, there will be no Government vaccination sites in Private Hospitals. "Vaccination will be done only in Government-recognised sites, PHCs, CHCs and Urban Health Centres. Beneficiaries have to bring their Aadhaar Cards or Identity Card issued by the State or Union Government or a letter of authentication duly signed by any Government Officer," he added.

(See TARGET on page 7)

When Kodagu's Aiyanna outran the Flying Sikh

Mysuru, June 20 (BCT)- No one flew like Milkha Singh. We all have heard about 'Flying Sikh' Milkha Singh but how many of us have heard about Kunjiyanda Aiyanna from Kodagu district who had defeated Milkha Singh?

Aiyanna had trounced the Flying Sikh in a 100-metre race in 1951. While Aiyanna had clocked 10.69 seconds, Milkha Singh clocked 10.75 seconds. Who better than Aiyanna could understand the importance of 0.06 seconds?

Aiyanna represented Karnataka in the National-level 100 mts. He has a credit of winning over Milkha Singh several times at National-level Meets and held the record for 100 mts for some period, unbeaten. Aiyanna never got recognition for his achievement and his name was hidden in the annals of history.

Aiyanna

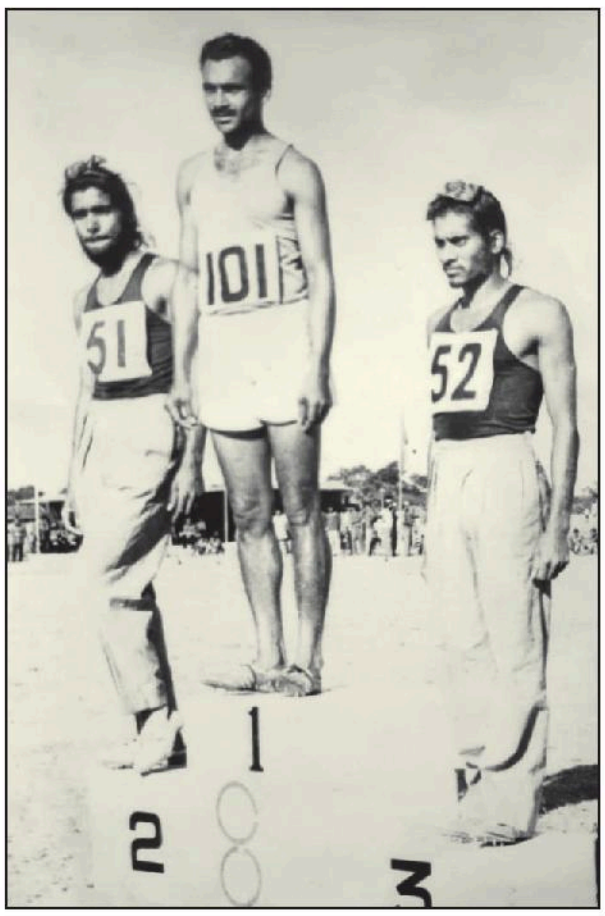
Milkha Singh

His feat came to light only after the news of Milkha Singh passing away flashed across the media yesterday. By evening, Aiyanna became a known name in many Kodava families. Hailing from Kavadi Village at Ammathi in Kodagu district, Aiyanna was born on Aug. 2, 1929 to Kunjiyanda Chinnappa and Seethavva (Macharanda).

He joined the Indian Army and served the Artillery Division. As he was a sprinter, his commanding officers recognised his talent and began training him amidst his Army duties. Aiyanna proved to be a true sportsperson and honed his skills to reach his defining moment that came in the form of National-level 100 mts. He sprinted to glory and defeated people who later rose to be legends. But Aiyanna remained in obscurity.

Aiyanna married Gowri (Palachanda), sister of P.M. Kalappa who served as Additional Superintendent of Police in Kodagu. The couple had two sons and a daughter — Anitha, Anil Belliappa and Arun Thammaiah. After serving the Army, Aiyanna worked for Bharat Earth Movers Limited (BEML). The unsung hero passed away in 1995 at an age of 65.

(See AIYANNA on page 6)



Kunjiyanda Aiyanna in the first place and Milkha Singh second.

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Sunday 20th June 2021

Senior citizen completes 10,000 km in 510 days

Running is his passion

Mysuru, June 20- **G. Mohan,** a retired Assistant Controller of Defense - Accounts Department and a resident of Srirampura in city, who has a hobby of running daily from the age of 65, on June 15, 2021 completed 10,016.45 km (Ten thousand and sixteen km of running) in 510 days.

From 1.1.2020 to 15.6.2021 (coinciding with his birthday on 15.6.1949), Mohan had set a target of running 10,000 km.

"My data is recorded by fitness promoters through my link with Strava app. I wanted to advocate Fit India Movement launched by our PM," says the 74-year-young Mohan.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

EVIDENCE, MODELS, GOOD DATA: ***As more vaccines become available the vaccination policy must be adapted quickly to changing circumstances. We must generate evidence and develop models to design the appropriate vaccination strategy for younger populations. If cases are climbing in a particular region, we should direct vaccine doses there to protect as much of the population as possible and decrease both disease and further spread. High vaccination coverage in cities may protect rural areas. Some professions are most likely to spread infection and should therefore be prioritised for vaccination.***

Finally, the Government must trust its citizens and share the information that is solely available to it. A notable aspect of the pandemic is the absence of credible data from the Government. This has led to speculative ideas based on poor or poorly understood information and misinformation. The management of the pandemic has been severely impacted by this lack of granular, interpretable, actionable data. We need to restore society to normalcy. Good data, or the ability to measure what matters, is the key.

—George Thomas, Gagandeep Kang & Jayaprakash Muliyil in The Hindu

NEWS SPARKLERS

38-year-old ticket gets honoured

Boston: A visitor to Boston's New England Aquarium was allowed to enter the facility for free using a ticket that was issued in 1983. Rachel Carle, who is in Boston attending college, said her great-aunt gifted her two New England Aquarium tickets that had been in her wallet for nearly four decades. The tickets, issued in 1983, were known as "late gate" tickets and were issued to guests who arrived too late in the day to get full aquarium experience and promised a free make-up visit.

The aquarium stopped issuing the tickets about 25 years ago, but Carle visited the facility on June 11 and staff agreed to honour the ticket she presented. "I walked up to the ticket office and explained the story of the ticket," Carle told. "They took a look at the ticket, laughed, and said 'well, it says come back any time! There's no expiration date!'" Carle said she did not expect the aquarium to honour the 38-year-old ticket. Admission to the aquarium is currently priced at $32 for an adult.

Kitchen transformed with 7,500 coins

It appears not everyone struggled to kill time during lockdown. There were people who used it to let their imagination fly and creativity take shape. In northwest England, a woman used the ample free time in her hands to completely transform her dull kitchen.

Billie Jo Welsby used thousands of 1p coins to decorate parts of the walls of her kitchen, which now twinkle and glitter even if a hint of light enters the area.

Welsby shared a number of photos on Facebook of the decorated kitchen as well as how it looked before. In one of the photographs, shared after the stunning decoration was completed, a message board behind the stove reads, "This is our happy place." And the photograph that showed the kitchen before the decoration looks dull in comparison. She also added in the post, "Total renovation on my kitchen, all work done by myself. 7,500 pennies individually placed."

HEALTH CAPSULE

Early detection is key in identifying breast cancer: 1 in 8 women develop breast cancer. It can be prevented by following a healthy lifestyle like saying no to smoking and alcohol, healthy diet, maintaining healthy weight and exercise. Regular screening and tests help in early identification

Dr. Madhura Phatak - ConsultantObstetrics and Gynecology

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**** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature***

The term given to nail-biting is Onychophagia. It is a compulsive habit that can be triggered by boredom, nervousness or stress. Nail-biters are at risk for infections in the nail cuticle by bacteria, yeast and other organisms. Onychophagia can occur in both children and adults.

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

DATES	JUNE 18	JUNE 19
Day's Positive Cases	551	594
Total Positive Cases	1,60,944	1,61,538
Day's Discharges	1,421	898
Total Discharges	1,50,619	1,51,517
Day's Deaths	15	17
Total Deaths	1,979	1,996
Total Active Cases	8,346	8,025

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

UoM, Kuvempu Varsity to offer degree courses online

Mysuru, June 20- The University of Mysore (UoM), Mysuru and Kuvempu University in Shivamogga have received permission from the University Grants Commission (UGC) to offer online courses.

"We are given permission to offer 13 specialised courses, including 10 in PG and three in UG," said UoM VC Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar.

Kuvempu University has got permission to offer BBM, B.Com, BA, MBA, M.Com and PG courses in Sociology, Political Science, History, Economics, English and Kannada.

Kuvempu University VC B.P. Veerabhadrappa said that this will help students pursue courses of their choice online. "We can take courses to the doorstep of students," he said, terming the development as a proud moment. Registrar S.S. Patil said it will help the University reach out to more students.

REALLY...?

- ***The coconut is highly nutritious and rich in fibre, Vitamin C, Vitamin E, Vitamin B1, Vitamin B3, Vitamin B5 and Vitamin B6. It also contains minerals, including Iron, Copper, Selenium, Sodium, Calcium, Magnesium, Manganese, Phosphorous and Zinc.***
- ***Coconut husk can also be used as a mosquito repellent. Preferably in homes coconut husk can be burnt in rooms before bed time to repel mosquitoes. Coconut husk is natural, for this reason the smoke produced from burning is considered harmless.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

One night, a thief broke into Nasrudin's house and began putting items in a sack. Nasrudin then joined him and added a few items. The thief was so bewildered that he turned to Nasrudin and asked, *"What in the world are you doing?" "Well,"* ***Nasrudin replied,*** *"I thought we were moving, so I began helping you pack !!"*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 74.12
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 102.33
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.18
1 Euro	= Rs. 87.94

VOICE OF THE READER

Tampering of Nandini butter packets

Sir,

I am a regular buyer of Nandini butter which comes in packets of 100, 200 & 500 gms. Since a long time, I have been noticing that these packets which are sold at Nandini booths are tampered when compared to those sold at popular departmental stores.

A small quantity of butter is scooped off very cleverly from one end of the packet and when I questioned the vendors, they gave excuses saying the packets are dumped on top of each other and due to melting they lose shape.

I have checked with at least 4 to 5 booths in Jayanagar and Kuvempunagar and every time its the same case. I even weighed the packets at home and found that they weigh 20 to 50 gms less.

I request the Nandini authorities to kindly seal the butter packets and make them tamper proof. In a country like ours where cheating propensity is very high should not the authorities ensure better packaging to avoid this situation?

—Mrs. Ravishankar
Jayanagar
17.6.2021

Storm water and underground drainage: Suggestions to MCC

Sir,

During the past few days, a few letters have appeared in this column complaining that whenever there is heavy rain, their houses are flooded with smelly underground disposal water. This is because many commercial buildings and house owners have not separated rain water and toilet water. Therefore, there is overloading of the underground disposal pipes resulting backflow into the bathrooms and smelly houses.

While this is certainly unacceptable, there is more than one party who are responsible for this condition. Therefore, multiple approaches are needed to solve this problem:

1. Most importantly, MCC must prepare road side open drains for residents to connect surplus rain water to these drains. About 4 years back, MCC built L-shaped roadside drains in front of every house in Jayalakshmipuram but sadly they were not interconnected to a main drain which should lead the water to Kukkarahalli Lake! In fact these drains over the years have got blocked mainly due to it not being cleaned regularly and new house builders carelessly covering these drains and all the money spent has gone down the drain! MCC has to rectify this.

2. It is also MCC's responsibility to see that all new commercial buildings and residential houses have rain water harvesting so that at least 60 to 70 percent of the rain water is used for their own usage. These buildings should not be given completion certificates until this condition is fulfilled. It is imperative that there should be two outlets one for UGD connecting to roadside buried UGD main line and the shallow one for surplus rain water flowing into open storm water drain.

3. Regarding buildings built earlier, owners must be encouraged to install this facility. I agree that it is not cheap but a substantial incentive could be given for such houses by giving Rs. 50 to Rs. 100 rebate in their monthly water bill. A physical check by the MCC official may be necessary. In addition in the annual Corporation tax, some rebate could be considered.

—U.B. Acharya
Jayalakshmipuram
19.6.2021

Curriculum Expert Committees for UG & PG

formed to implement NEP from current academic year

Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar, Prof. Nagesh V. Bettakote and Prof. Y.S. Siddegowda among Committee Chairmen

G. Hemantha Kumar *Nagesh V. Bettakote* *Y.S. Siddegowda*

Bengaluru, June 20 (UNI)- Karnataka Government has constituted Committees of subject experts in different faculties to prepare academic curriculum along the lines of National Educational Policy (NEP) for Under-Graduate and Post-Graduate courses.

Speaking to newsmen here on Saturday, Deputy Chief Minister and Higher Education Minister Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan said the Committees constituted through a Government Order will work towards preparing an academic curriculum to be implemented from the current academic year 2021-22.

The Committees will work towards preparing an academic curriculum to be implemented from the current academic year 2021-22, he said.

In all, 8 Committees have been formed. This includes 3 Committees under Faculty of Arts (Social Sciences, Humanities, Fine Arts & Visual Arts), 3 Committees under Faculty of Sciences (Physical & Mathematical Sciences, Chemical & Biological Sciences, Earth Sciences), 1 Committee under Faculty of Commerce & Management and 1 under Faculty of Engineering, he said and added that all the Committees will have to submit the report before June 30.

The Chairmen and Members of various Committees are as follows:

Social Sciences Committee

Chairman - Prof. Y.S. Siddegowda, Vice-Chancellor, Tumkur University, Tumakuru; **Members:** Prof. B.P. Veerabhadrappa, Prof. B.K. Tulasimala, Prof. N.R. Bhanumurthy, Prof. Harish Ramaswamy, Prof. G. Sarvamangala, Prof. V.A. Aminabhavi, Prof.A. Ramegowda, Prof. Sangeetha Mane, Prof. N. Narasimhamurthy, Prof. Niranjana, Prof. R.N. Managoli and Prof. Gopalakrishna Joshi.

Humanities & Linguistics Committee

Chairman - Prof. D.B. Naik, Vice-Chancellor, Karnataka Folklore University, Gotagodi, Shiggaon; **Members -** Prof. S.C. Ramesh, Prof. K.E. Devanathan, Prof. Lingaraja Gandhi, Prof. Rachel Kurian, Prof. Gangadharaiah and Prof. Gopalakrishna Joshi.

Fine Arts & Visual Committee

Chairman - Prof. Nagesh V. Bettakote, Vice-Chancellor, KSGH Music & Performing Arts University, Mysuru; **Members -** Prof. Jayakumar Reddy, Prof. S.N. Susheela, Prof. K. Ramakrishnaiah and Prof. Gopalakrishna Joshi.

Physical & Mathematical Sciences Committee

Chairman - Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, University of Mysore, Mysuru; **Members -** Prof. T.D. Kemparaju, Prof. S.V. Halase, Prof. Siddu P. Algur, Prof. S.M. Shivaprasad, Prof. Sridhar, Prof. Manjunath Pattabhi, Prof. U.S. Mahabaleshwar, Prof. P.M. Patil, Prof. Parameshwar V. Pandit and Prof. Gopalakrishna Joshi.

Chemical & Biological Sciences Committee

Chairman - Prof. K.B. Gudasi, Vice-Chancellor, Karnataka University, Dharwad; **Members -** Prof. L. Gomathi Devi, Prof. Dayanand Agasar, Prof. G.R. Naik, Prof. V.R. Devaraj, Prof. Balakrishna Kalluraya, Prof. H.S. Bojanayaka, Prof. Laxmi Inamdar, Prof. V. Krishna and Prof. Gopalakrishna Joshi.

Earth Sciences

Chairman - Prof. A.M. Pathan, Vice-Chancellor, KBN University, Kalaburagi; **Members -** Prof. Ashok Hanjagi, Prof. P. Madesh, Prof. Ashfaq Ahmad, Prof. S.V. Krishnamurthy, Prof. N. Nandini and Prof. Gopalakrishna Joshi.

Commerce & Management Committee

Chairman - Prof. P.S. Yadapadithaya, Vice-Chancellor, Mangalore University, Mangaluru; **Members -** Prof. M. Ramachandra Gowda, Prof. R.L. Hyderabad, Prof. H.S. Anitha, Prof. D. Anand, Prof. Vijay Bhuthpur, Prof. Cynthia Menezes, Prof. Mustiary Begum, Prof. Sudharshan Reddy, Dr. Aloysius Edward and Prof. Gopalakrishna Joshi.

Engineering Committee

Chairman - Prof. Karisiddappa, Vice-Chancellor, VTU, Belagavi; **Members -** Prof. K.R. Venugopal, Prof. K.N.B. Murthy, Prof. S. Vidyashankar, Prof. Puttaraju, Prof. Srinivas Balli and Prof. Gopalakrishna Joshi.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	**124.80** feet
Today	:	**91.66** feet
Yesterday	:	**89.16** feet
Inflow	:	**19,728** cusecs
Outflow	:	**2,158** cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	**2,284.00** feet
Today	:	**2,275.75** feet
Inflow	:	**13,052** cusecs
Outflow	:	**4,104** cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	**2,859.00** feet
Today	:	**2,835.82** feet
Inflow	:	**1,469** cusecs
Outflow	:	**80** cusecs

IDY and World Music Day

Mysuru, June 20- As part of International Day of Yoga (IDY) and World Music Day celebrations, Sahyadri Sinchana Charitable Trust, Mysuru, has organised a programme on Zoom platform at 6 pm tomorrow (June 21).

To attend the event, join Zoom Meeting *[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8036284869?pwd=TjlvU0JnQk1ybE1tYjZTRUVCNkUrQT09];* Meeting ID: 803 628 4869 and Passcode: 12345, according to a press release.

Dr. Kasturirangan lauds State Govt's speed in implementing NEP

Bengaluru, June 20 (UNI)- Chairman of National Education Policy (NEP) Draft Committee and former Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) Chairman Dr. Kasturirangan said here on Friday that in the 21st Century, revolutionary changes are being witnessed in the field of educational sector across the country including Karnataka.

He was speaking after participating in a regional research seminar on the topic, "Learning system that finds solutions to the problems," organised jointly by the Karnataka State Higher Education Council and the Alborg University of Denmark, in association with the UNESCO Centre for Problem Based Learning in Engineering Science and Sustainability.

In his address, he said, "The New National Education Policy is being implemented at a great speed in Karnataka State. I have noticed that the Government of Karnataka and Deputy Chief Minister Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan are continuously following up and are very enthusiastic in implementing it right from the first day after the Centre released the Draft New Education Policy."

"The commitment of the State Government in implementing the NEP is laudable," he added.

Madikeri Raja's Seat disfigured by development

Lush green space destroyed; landslide threat looms large

Madikeri, June 20 (PS&BCT)- First it was 'Coorg Village' in the premises of Raja's Seat at Madikeri that was built despite opposition from the local residents and now it is the overall development works taken up at the same venue.

The Kodagu District Administration and the powers that be seems to have not learnt lessons from the devastating floods and landslides for three consecutive years — from 2018 to 2020 — and are going ahead in making the once famed and green garden into a concrete jungle.

Raja's Seat is located at a height and gives a bird's eye view of the beautiful town of Madikeri and on the other side it is the Ghat section leading to Mangaluru. During the bygone years, it was this place where the king used to sit and admire the nature's beauty. As the king was regular in visiting this spot and used to spend time, a small structure was built so that he could sit there. The name Raja's Seat translates to King's Seat.

Unfortunately, the hilly areas surrounding the view point have been carved with earth-movers and other heavy machines now, directly threatening the Mangaluru Highway if at all there are landslides. Despite the Geological Survey of India (GSI) submitting a series of reports not to disturb the hilly areas in the name of development, this work has been taken up and one look at the works on a steep gradient tells any visitor that the works are an open invitation to danger — a ticking time bomb as landslides might occur at any time bringing the whole mountain onto the National Highway 275.

Destructive contour works

Added to the threat of landslides is that it is raining non-stop in Kodagu, especially Madikeri and the rains have exposed the unscientific works taken up in the name of development at Raja's Seat. It may be recalled here that when the Gajagiri Hill (Brahmagiri Hill Range) collapsed killing five people at Talacauvery last year, it was later discovered by the GSI that the 'Ingu Gundi' (soak pits) and contour trenches atop Brahmagiri Hill ranges dug by the Forest Department had caused the hill to crash.

Similar type of contour works is being taken up at Raja's Seat making the place a dump yard of concrete structures. In 2018, the low-lying area of Raja Seat witnessed massive landslides. Despite warnings by geologists, excavating machines were used to dig the hills, said environmentalists. The works have been taken up by cutting down huge trees and pathways and steps have been installed along with two watch towers and three ornamental arches.

Eroded landscape

The installation of steps, side walls, pathways, concrete steps and other structures has spoilt the beauty of the place that was lush green and windy. Tourists flocked this place to spend a quiet moment with nature and now they have to sit on benches and watch towers amidst an eroded landscape. Those who do not have any knowledge of the topography of Kodagu have been conceptualising projects which are against the well-being of nature as well as people while the elected representatives have sadly turned a blind eye.

In fact, Raja's Seat is maintained by the Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage and as per the conservation norms, no concrete building can be constructed within 100 m of a protected area.

"Though the toy train at Raja's Seat stopped chugging three years ago, there is no mention of the repair of the much-demanded toy train in the new projects and sadly, the authorities are destroying the very beauty of the place and this is a senseless development," said Harish J. Acharya of Veeranaadu Rakshana Vedike.

Hegemony opposed

"This is a sort of hegemony by the District Administration and the elected representatives who are squandering public money in the name of development. We don't need such mindless development. In fact, none of the roads in Madikeri are fit to even walk with full of potholes and the Private Bus Stand has become a slush-pool as they took up some unscientific work, against nature. This side of the hill at Raja's Seat is destined to collapse," he added.

There was a natural equilibrium when the entire place was lush green and with the development of Coorg Village and this particular concrete works have tilted the balance towards devastation and this is nothing but disfigurement in the name of development, Harish Acharya said, threatening to go to court against the development.

The area below Raja's Seat was developed and named as Coorg Village where 15 stalls have been set up and products for which Kodagu is famous would be made available for the tourists. Opposition from local residents and environmentalists was bulldozed and the works were taken up in a tearing hurry.

In fact, veteran politician and former Minister M.C. Nanaiah had taken strong exception to Coorg Village and said that it was an ill-conceived project and the money could be better utilised for the ecological enrichment of the Raja's Seat garden and its surroundings.

He had opined that sudden developments were bound to result in the destruction of the pristine surroundings of Raja Seat. Now his views have come true as the green place has turned into an ugly space, with many constructions.

MLAs flay Women and Child Welfare Development officers for 'negligence'

Women and Child Development Minister Shashikala Jolle** (third from left), **District Minister S.T. Somashekar, MLAs Tanveer Sait, S.R. Mahesh and G.T. Devegowda and DC Dr. Bagadi Gautham seen during the review meeting at ZP Hall here yesterday.

Mysuru, June 20 (SBD&SSV)- Cutting across party lines, City and District legislators complained about lack of concern among officers of the Department of Women and Child Development and their utter negligence to inform the elected representatives about the number of kids orphaned due to second wave of COVID-19 pandemic in the district.

At the COVID-19 review meeting held at Zilla Panchayat auditorium here yesterday, the MLAs brought to the notice of Women and Child Development Minister Shashikala Jolle about lack of sensitivity among the Department officers in the current crisis.

It was high time the officers must pull up their socks in the wake of warning by experts about the possible third wave of COVID-19 which is likely to impact kids, they said.

Krishnaraja MLA S.A. Ramdas said the Department officers did not have details about the total number of children who have lost both their parents and those who have lost either one of them. In his Constituency, there are 13 such cases and he was visiting those houses to console them. No officer from the Department accompanied him. In total, the Department was not at all responding to people's problems.

Narasimharaja MLA Tanveer Sait sought to know the number of paediatricians in city and district and how many of them are in Government and Private Hospitals. Reports say about the shortage of paediatricians in Mysuru district, but this has not been brought to their notice. Need of the hour was to constitute a committee of experts to take preventive steps, he said.

Chamaraja MLA L. Nagendra said that people were under distress due to Corona and it was said that third wave of COVID-19 may hit. Every hospital in City and District must be geared up to open Children's ward. In current second wave, most of the casualty has been reported from rural areas and it has affected a large number of kids too.

The Government Hospitals have around 15 paediatricians and around 150 in Private Hospitals. This number of doctors may not be sufficient to handle if the situation goes worse. It was better to train MBBS students on line of treatment so that their services could be utilised in case of emergency.

Hunsur MLA H.P. Manjunath said Mysuru City became the hub of Corona due to lack of preparedness for the second wave. The Government must get into preparation mode before it was too late.

T. Narasipur MLA Ashwin Kumar pointed out that none of them have information about the number of paediatric wards in Hospitals. He said people will rebel if the Government fails to take adequate steps to protect the health of children.

Based on inputs, the Minister Shashikala Jolle directed the officials concerned to start preparation for third wave from by consulting elected representatives. "Officers here are no negligent that they have not provided information about the orphaned kids asked two months ago. I have come here not to play. Officers are totally unresponsive. I am disgusted with their behaviour. Don't tarnish the Government's image," she said. Later, wheel chair and medical kits were distributed to children.

No shortage of medicine

"The role of Department of Women and Child Development is very crucial in third wave of Covid-19 pandemic. The required medicine must be stocked in advance after consulting experts. There is no shortage of funds in any Department, but officers must work with dedication".

— MLC A.H. Vishwanath

Opponents sit next to each other

Political opponents MLC A.H. Vishwanath and K.R. Nagar MLA S.R. Mahesh sat next to each other and spoke during the meeting. A comment by MLA Tanveer Sait made them smile.

MLA praises DC

K.R. Nagar MLA S.R. Mahesh praised DC Dr. Bagadi Gautham and said the number of meetings has decreased after he assumed office and the DC was available to officers and elected representatives. Everyone is working happily. This is what every MLA was expecting, he added.

48 children lose both their parents in pandemic second wave

Mysuru, June 20 (YDS, SBD &SSV)- As many as 48 children have lost both their parents in the current second wave of Covid-19 pandemic in State, said Women and Child Development Minister Shashikala Jolle.

Speaking to reporters here yesterday, she said that 947 kids have lost either one of their parents to the contagion which included 91 in Mysuru district. The Department has been collecting details of kids becoming orphans. Fortunately, Suttur Mutt of Mysuru and Siddaganga Mutt of Tumakuru have come forward to provide free education and boarding for these kids.

The Minister said the State Government under its new initiative, 'Mukhyamantri Balaseva Yojane' will take care of education of such kids. Besides, Rs. 3,500 is deposited into bank accounts of those children monthly. After SSLC, laptops will be distributed to those children to pursue higher education. If the child is over 21 years of age, Rs. 1 lakh will be deposited in her name.

Woman and Child Development Minister Shashikala Jolle greeting an elderly person during her visit to the houses of orphaned children yesterday as others look on.

She further said that the orphaned kids were presently under the care of their relatives. In case they express their inability to look after them, the Department will bring them from homes and handover to good parents for adoption as per rules. Suppose donors come forward to provide education to these children, the Department will act as a link between donors and children.

Separate Centres

She said separate COVID Care Centres (CCCs) will be opened for children in the wake of warning by experts about the possible third wave affecting kids. Precaution has been taken in each district. In case any kid below 10 years of age requires home isolation, parents will be asked to be with the ward to take care. This requires co-operation of legislators, district administration, Health and Education Departments and ASHA workers. An action plan has been prepared regarding COVID test for kids. The Covid Care Centres are proposed to be opened in open spaces and shishuvihara.

"I have been visiting the houses of kids who lost their parents due to pandemic to console them. When I can visit what is bothering officers from visiting those houses," she questioned.

Malnutrition kids

Jolle said according to Department statistics, there are 9,200 undernourished kids in the State to whom nutritious food was supplied. Anganwadi workers were distributing nutrition rich food to pregnant and lactating mother by visiting houses. This facility has been extended even to migrated women. Each Anganwadi worker was given an incentive of Rs. 2,000 and compensation of Rs. 30 lakh in case of death due to Coronavirus. Last year, compensation has been given to families of 20 Anganwadi workers.

Child marriage

She said the Department had received 3,589 complaints of child marriage of which 3,277 marriages were stopped and FIR has been registered against 208 persons.

After the meeting, Minister Shashikala visited the house of two children, who had lost their parents due to pandemic at Gangothri Extension in city and consoled them. The Minister said that the Government would take care of their education expenses and also deposit Rs. 3,500 to their bank account every month.

MLA L. Nagendra, MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev and Women and Child Development Department Asst. Director K. Padma were present.

Dark clouds over Dasara this year too?

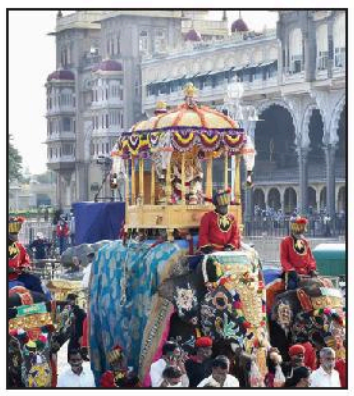
By S.T. Ravikumar

Mysuru, June 20- With the second wave of the deadly COVID-19 pandemic causing untold havoc across the globe, with lakhs of people losing their lives and Mysuru being no exception to the deadly pandemic, dark clouds seems to be hovering around the conduct of the world famous Dasara in Mysuru this year too. Last year also, when the pandemic broke out, the Dasara was conducted in a simple and symbolic manner.

As the second wave of the pandemic is proving to be more deadly, the Government at present, is concentrating on keeping the pandemic in bay, for which it is using much of its resources.

Compounding the problem for Mysuru, which hosts the annual Dasara, is the high COVID test positivity rate, which has forced the Government to extend the current lockdown with no relaxations till July 5, when all other districts have got much relief from lockdown relaxations that will come into force from June 21.

This year, the Dasara, popularly known as the *Naada Habba* (State Festival), is scheduled to take place from Oct. 7 to 15. With less than four months to go for the all important grand event, there are no signs of either the Government or the District Administration making any start on the preparations and this is attributed to the prevalent COVID crisis, which is haunting the entire country. The District Administration, which is currently bothered about bringing down COVID positivity rate in Mysuru, which is the highest in the State, seems to be showing little interest in starting the Dasara preparations, as lives and livelihood matter more than anything else, with the second wave of the virus attack proving to be more fatal.



Simple and symbolic manner

With the second wave of the pandemic taking a high toll in the district, the Government is most likely to celebrate the *Naada Habba* in a simple and symbolic manner this year too just like last year, when the celebrations were limited to the city Palace.

However, as the State is facing one problem or the other every year, be it floods, drought or Corona, Dasara, which was a grandeur event since the times of the erstwhile Mysore Maharajas, seems to be gradually losing its splendour and gaiety with the passing of every year.

2020 festival

Last year, renowned Cardiologist and Director of Bengaluru's Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences Dr. C.N. Manjunath, had inaugurated the *Naada Habba* atop Chamundi Hill on Oct. 17. Dasara procession was taken out on Oct. 26, with the popular *Jumboo Savari* restricted to just 270 mts. within the Palace premises. *Jamboo Savari* was inaugurated by CM B.S. Yediyurappa in the presence of District Minister S.T. Somashekar and other dignitaries.

S.T. Somashekar, who continues to be the District Minister, may get the opportunity of managing Dasara for the second straight time. As far as top officials of the district such as DC Dr. Bagadi Gautham, MCC Commissioner G. Lakshmikantha Reddy and ZP CEO A.M. Yogesh are concerned, this year will be their first experience of Dasara organisation.

No horse ride

However, Rukmini Madegowda, who was the Mayor until recently before she was disqualified by the Karnataka High Court on charges that she provided wrong facts about her assets during the filing of nomination papers for the MCC polls held in 2018, has lost the golden chance of riding a Horse during Dasara procession, which privilege the incumbent Mayor has as the first citizen of the city.

With no signs of any Dasara-2021 preparations as yet, DC Dr. Bagadi Gautham told *Star of Mysore* that the District Administration is yet to receive any directions from the Govt. on the start of preparations.

Pointing out that the Administration is too busy in keeping the rampaging COVID-19 in check, he said that the District Minister is currently engaged in COVID control and no discussions are so far held on Dasara. Asserting that COVID control is the topmost priority at present, he said that Dasara is about four months away and the District Administration will follow any directions, if and when issued by the Government.

Father's Day gift

Cycle Pure Agarbathi grants paid paternity leave for would be fathers

Mysuru, June 20 (KS)- In India, maternity leave was introduced in 1961 providing a 12-week paid leave to mothers and in 2017, it was increased to 26 weeks.

However, there is no Government-mandated paternity leave policy for men. They are usually offered one or two weeks of paid leave in a Government sector while the leave policy in the private sector differs from company to company and most of them don't offer paid paternity leaves.

N. Ranga Rao & Sons, makers of Cycle Pure Agarbathi, is leading the way in Mysuru by granting a 21-day paid paternity leave to employees for embracing fatherhood. And this step to honour fatherhood comes on the occasion of Father's Day today (June 20).

This initiative will allow new fathers to spend quality time with their new-born baby and support their spouses during this time. The policy will be effective from today and will entitle the company's working dads to three weeks of paid time to be fully engaged in baby and mom care.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning on the initiative, Managing Director of Cycle Pure Agarbathi Arjun Ranga said, "A few days ago, an employee came to me asking for leave and when I asked why he needed leave, he told me that his wife had delivered a baby after undergoing a Simultaneous Pancreas and Kidney Transplant (SKPT) at Apollo Hospital. I was moved

by his plight and after sanctioning his leave, we decided to grant paid paternity leaves. This was to ensure the well-being of our employees and their families."

"Moreover, COVID-induced lockdown has showed everyone the value of family and hence, I thought that it was important for a father to be with the new-born in the first three weeks after child's birth. And this is a crucial period too, according to doctors," he added.

"Private companies must consider providing paternity leave and should not wait for the Government to issue an order in this regard. For me, every employee of the company is a family member and it is the responsibility of the company to take care of its family members. Like there is a saying, 'Take care of your employees and the employees will take care of you' and I believe this," Arjun said.

Childbirth is a precious moment for a family and the new mothers need time and support. The 21-day paid paternity leave will now help fathers enjoy the precious moment of parenting, he added.

When Kodagu's Aiyanna outran the Flying Sikh

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Speaking to *SOM* this morning, Arun said that his father used to speak a lot about his achievements. "He used to tell us about how he struggled hard in athletics at a time when sports was considered a least priority in India and at a time when there were not even basic facilities for sportspersons. He told us about how people from South India were called 'Madrasis' and were looked down upon by sportspersons from North," Arun said.

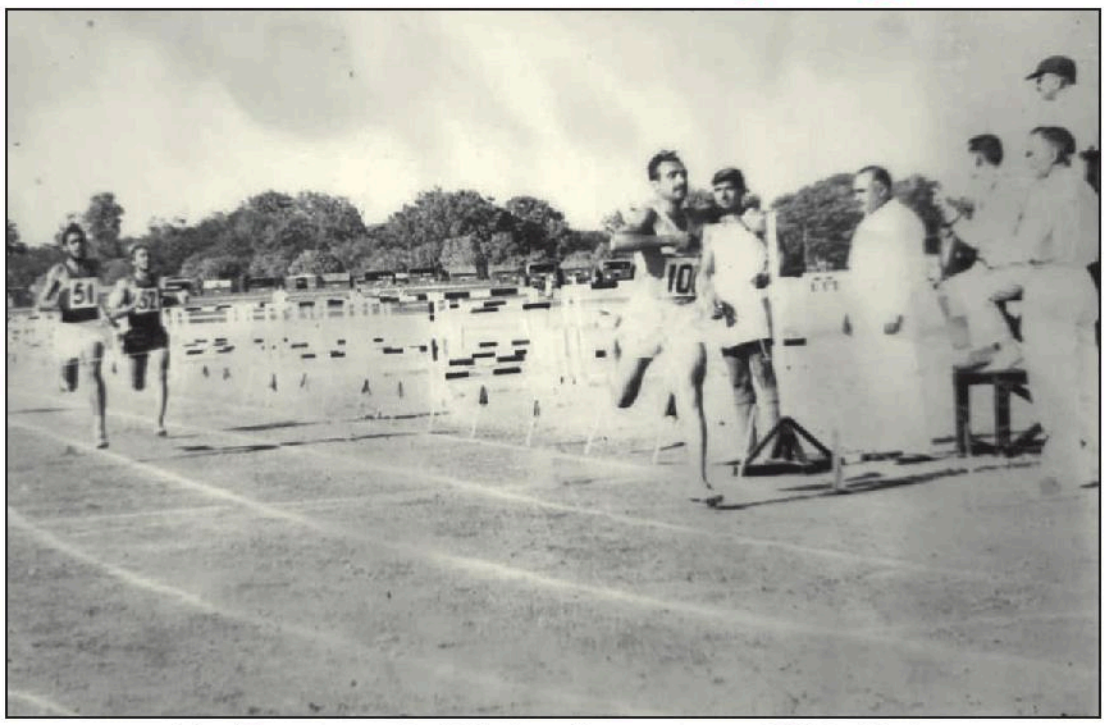
"The discrimination was clear and my father had to remain in obscurity. No one recognised him and despite this, he gave a stellar performance on tracks," Arun, who studied in Bengaluru Sports Hostel, said. Arun runs a wedding management firm in

Aiyanna

Gowri Aiyanna

Kodagu while his brother Anil works for BEML, Bengaluru.

Aiyanna's brother 84-year-old Kunjiyanda Poovaiah is a resident of Gokulam in Mysuru and he was also an athlete who has participated in National Meets. "I had been to Delhi along with my brother a couple of times and since my brother was a sprinter, I did not pursue running much," he said."I am glad that my brother has been recognised at least now," he added.



The 100-metre race in 1951 where Aiyanna trounced Milkha Singh.

Lockdown extended in Mysuru due to high positivity rate

Bengaluru, June 20- The State Government on Saturday, ended speculations on the fate of lockdown, by announcing unlock 2.0, allowing free movement of people and more leeway to carry out commercial activities from Monday. Accordingly, operation of public transport, including KSRTC , NWKRTC, NEKRTC and BMTC buses and Metro trains in the State capital with 50 percent capacity from tomorrow.

However, **in Mysuru district, which has a higher positivity rate as compared to other districts, the existing lockdown guidelines will continue to be in force, including and up to 5 am of July 5, 2021, in order to break the chain of COVID 19 transmission in the district. Accordingly, barring the activities currently permitted, other additional economic or other activities are not allowed in Mysuru district till July 5.**

Making the announcement at Bengaluru after a high-level meeting with his Cabinet colleagues and officials, Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa said that with COVID-19 positivity rate falling to less than 5 percent in 16 districts, including Bengaluru Urban, the Government has eased lockdown restrictions from Monday (June 21), allowing shops, hotels, restaurants and clubs to open without air conditioners and liquor outlets from 6 am to 5 pm in these districts. The new norms would continue till July 5.

The districts where lockdown relaxations come into effect are – Mandya, Belagavi,Uttara Kannada, Koppal, Chikkaballapur, Tumakuru, Kolar, Bengaluru Urban (including BBMP limits), Gadag, Raichur, Bagalkote, Kalaburagi, Haveri, Ramanagaram, Yadgir and Bidar. These districts have recorded a COVID test positivity rate of less than 5 percent. In these districts, outdoor film shooting and sporting activities without spectators are permitted. Government and private offices will open with 50 percent staff and lodges, resorts and gyms will function with 50 percent capacity. Parks too will be open from 5 am to 6 pm.

Yediyurappa also noted that among all the districts, the positivity rate is more than 10 percent only in Mysuru and as such, the prevailing restrictions will not be eased till July 5.

The CM pointed out that the lockdown guidelines issued on June11 will continue in 13 other districts — Hassan, Udupi, Dakshina Kannada, Shivamogga, Chamarajanagar, Chikkamagalur, Bengaluru Rural, Davangere, Kodagu, Dharwad, Ballari, Chitradurga and Vijayapura, which have a positivity rate of more than 5 percent, but below 10 percent. This means that shops in these districts will be open from 6 am to 2 pm.

Continuing, Yediyurappa said that swimming pools are not allowed to open in all districts of the State. Likewise, all cinema halls, malls, shopping complexes with air conditioners, amusement parks will remain shut till July 5.

However, the COVID-19 curfew will be in effect from 7 pm to 5 am on weekdays and on weekends from 7 pm on Friday to 5 am on Monday, in all districts of the State till July 5.

Sheelavantha M. Shivakumar is new MUDA Commissioner

Mysuru, June 20 (KS)- Sheelavantha M. Shivakumar, who was serving as the Joint Director (Administration) of the Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services in Bengaluru has been posted at the Commissioner of Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA), in place of Dr. D.B. Natesh, who has been transferred and posted as the Joint Director (Administration) of the Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services in Bengaluru.

Sheelavantha M. Shivakumar

Truck theft: Seven including buyer arrested

Stolen truck worth Rs. 10 lakh recovered; Three two-wheelers, five cell phones seized

Mysuru, June 20 (KS)- Narasimharaja (NR) Police, on June 16, have arrested six persons on charges of stealing a truck after threatening the driver with a knife and have also arrested a person, who had bought the stolen truck.

The arrested are 33-year-old Mudasir Pasha of Shanthinagar, 25-year-old Salman Khan, 27-year-old Mohammed Hussain and 31-year-old Taminulla Shariff of Rajivnagar, 31-year-old Mohammed Jawad of Shanthinagar and 30-year-old Salman Khan (buyer) of Mandi Mohalla.

On June 16, when the NR Police were on their regular beat at S.S. Nagar in Bannimantap, they saw Mudasir and Salman, who were coming on a scooter, take a sudden turn on seeing them. The two were carrying the diesel tank guard, parts of the truck cabin and the truck's front name board with the name Sanjay Ramasamy on it.

The Police, on suspicion, chased the scooter and caught the duo. During interrogation at the Police Station, accused Mudasir and Salman is said to have revealed that they along with four of their accomplices had stolen a Tamil Nadu registration 12-wheel truck near Lalithadri Nagar on the Ring Road about three days ago after threatening the lorry driver with a dagger.

They then brought the lorry to a scrap yard *(Gujari)* on Srinivasa Talkies Road, where the front and the side cabin were dismantled. Mudasir and Salman were carrying a few dismantled parts on the scooter to be sold when they were caught.

Based on the information provided by the two, the Police arrested the remaining four persons, besides arrested the person, who had received the stolen truck. Following their arrest, the Police have solved one case of extortion in Mysuru South Police Station limits. The accused had stolen the truck to lead a posh life, it is learnt.

DCP (Crime and Traffic) M.S. Geetha Prasanna and NR Sub-Division ACP Shivashankar guided NR Inspector Azaruddin, Sub-Inspector Ashwini, ASI Papanna and staff R.R. Manjunath, Y.T. Mahesh, Doddegowda, S. Ramesh, C. Sunil Kumar and K. Eshwar took part in the nabbing and seizing operation.

Calls to COVID War Room decline in City: Raghu Kautilya

Mysuru, June 20 (MTY&SSV)- With COVID positive cases declining in City, the number of telephone calls coming to COVID War Room has also decreased, said Raghu Kautilya, In-Charge of War Room and Chairman of D. Devaraj Urs Backward Classes Development Commission.

Raghu Kautilya

Speaking to media after visiting the War Room here yesterday, he said the cases were slowly coming down, thanks to the steps taken by the District Administration under the leadership of District-In-Charge Minister S.T. Somashekar.

The beds are vacant in Hospitals and there are no takers for oxygen and ventilators. Earlier, the War Room was getting around 500 calls per day but it was receiving around 100 calls a day since last one week. The War Room had blocked 17,191 beds for positive patients including 3,977 beds in Private Hospitals.

Now, the bed blocking has come down by almost 50 percent and the War Room staff has been working tension-free.

Raghu said Mysuru was reporting more number of positive cases than Bengaluru. However, the District Administration efficiently managed both health and hospitals besides volunteers counselling the callers. A month ago, it was quite challenging to arrange bed, oxygen and treatment for patients, but the War Room managed everything neatly, he added.

IMF's Chief Economist

Gita Gopinath visits Mysuru

Mysuru, June 20- The International Monetary Fund's (IMF) Chief Economist Gita Gopinath, who is on vacation, visited her father's residence in Ramakrishnanagar in city on Saturday.

Speaking to reporters, she stated that the pandemic has adversely affected the economy as a whole. Tourism industry and agriculture have been badly affected, she stated and urged everyone to get vaccinated.

Farmer leader Kurubur Shantakumar met Gita Gopinath and greeted her with a bouquet. Gita's father K.P. Gopinath was also present on the occasion.

45,000 jabs target

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Special drive by MCC

The MCC is also conducting a special vaccination drive to inoculate over 20,000 Government employees tomorrow. "We will exclusively vaccinate employees from our own MCC, Vani Vilas Water Works (VVWW), Engineering Section, Underground Drainage section, Police, Revenue Section and all the other departments. Seven teams have been formed for this exercise and we are all set," MCC Health Officer Dr. D.G. Nagaraj said.

Following instruction from District Minister S.T. Somashekar and Deputy Commissioner Dr. Bagadi Gautham, more vaccines will be allotted to Mysuru city that has a huge population when compared to taluks. Even the MLAs have requested for more vaccines to their Constituencies in city to ensure more coverage of people.

Obituary

Seethalakshmi

Mysuru, June 20- Seethalakshmi (96), a resident of Gokulam, passed away on Friday in city.

A native of Channarayapatna, she leaves behind two daughters including well known playback Singer Nanditha and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill on Saturday.

The impact of COVID-19 on Gastrointestinal System

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India has been hit with the second wave of the novel Coronavirus (also known as COVID-19), a lethal contagion that predominantly affects the respiratory system. While a significant number of patients successfully recover, a small proportion develop severe pneumonia and may succumb to the illness. Questions regarding the impact on other organ systems have plagued the medical community in recent times. In this article we try to explore the effects of COVID-19 on the Gastrointestinal (GI) System.

Respiratory symptoms are most commonly visible and associated with the virus. That said, a recent review by the American Gastroenterological Association suggests that 53% of people hospitalised with COVID-19 experience at least one GI symptom in the duration of their illness.

What is the GI System?

The GI system is the tract from the mouth to the anus that comprises the food pipe or esophagus, the stomach, the small and large intestines; along with organs including the liver, gallbladder and pancreas.

GI Symptoms Associated With COVID-19

Along with cough and breathlessness, the most common symptoms of the virus, symptoms attributable to the GI system have also been found frequently.

To elaborate, the first person with COVID-19 in the US experienced two days of nausea and vomiting followed by diarrhoea. The research is ever-evolving, but an analysis of 125 articles and a total sample of 25,252 patients has displayed the following to be the most common GI symptoms associated with COVID-19:

- **Lack of appetite : 19.9%**
- **Lack of smell or taste : 15.4%**
- **Diarrhoea : 13.2%**
- **Nausea : 10.3%**
- **Vomiting up blood or GI bleeding : 9.1%**

Less commonly, COVID-19 may also cause belching, acid reflux, colitis or intestinal inflammation. Currently, GI symptoms mostly coexist with respiratory symptoms. However, a review from late 2020 found ~20% of patients of COVID-19 solely experience GI symptoms.

As a word of caution, nausea and diarrhoea may also result due to medications that healthcare professionals use to manage COVID-19, such as antivirals and antibiotics.

How does COVID-19 affect the GI System?

Studies show that the SARS-CoV-2 virus (Coronavirus) enters intestinal and respiratory cells using the Angiotensin-Converting Enzyme 2 (ACE-2) protein as a receptor. Once inside, the virus uses the host cells' machinery to produce copies of viral proteins and ribonucleic acid (RNA).

When SARS-CoV-2 particles leave an infected cell, it triggers the release of cytokines, which are small proteins leading to inflammation. This process is considered the root cause of GI symptoms.

Can COVID-19 spread through the Fecal-Oral Route?

In recent studies, there is increasing evidence that SARS-CoV-2 could spread via fecal-oral transmission. Essentially, this means that people could acquire an infection by accidentally ingesting or inhaling droplets of infected feces.

However, researchers have yet to determine whether the proteins and particles shed in feces are infectious or capable of actually causing disease.

Disease Outcomes

People who experience GI symptoms with COVID-19 may be more likely to develop complications like Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome, as suggested by various studies. It also increased the risk of undergoing procedures such as non-invasive mechanical ventilation and tracheal intubation.

In patients with underlying GI conditions, such as Irritable Bowel Syndrome, overexpression of ACE-2 occurs, giving the virus increased opportunities to enter the already weakened cells.

Medications used to treat GI diseases can reduce stomach acidity, facilitating the contraction of the virus from ingested substances. Typically, the stomach's high acidity levels are strong enough to deactivate viral particles.

Moving Forward

Knowing how often, when, and why COVID-19 causes GI symptoms can have significant benefits in the long term.

Based on research thus far, doctors and nurses can begin testing people with indicators, namely loss of taste, anorexia, and diarrhoea, as highly specific GI symptoms for the infection — even in patients with no respiratory symptoms. The positive impact of such a move will be massive — millions of asymptomatic potential COVID-19 cases can be identified and treated earlier.

As a side note, if feces containing the virus is infectious, wastewater management and treatment becomes an important challenge to reduce transmission.

Preliminary studies show certain symptoms may persist for weeks to months after recovery. A recent review found ~16% of people may experience persistent nausea and vomiting thus giving us an idea about the long-term effect of disease in GI tract.

With the details available till now we understand GI system also gets affected by this virus and can be one of the determinants of outcomes of disease.

Affordable, quality childcare inaccessible in many wealthiest nations: UNICEF

New Delhi, June 20 (UNI)- Affordable, quality childcare is inaccessible in many of the world's wealthiest countries, says UNICEF in a new report.

The report, ***Where Do Rich Countries Stand on Childcare?*** published by UNICEF's Office of Research – Innocenti, ranks countries across the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and the European Union (EU) based on their national childcare and parental leave policies.

These policies include the accessibility, affordability and quality of childcare for children between birth and school age.

Luxembourg, Iceland, Sweden, Norway and Germany rank the highest on childcare provisions among high-income countries, informs the report.

The United States, Switzerland, Australia, Cyprus and Slovakia rank the lowest.

"To give children the best start in life, we need to help parents build the nurturing and loving environment that is so critical to children's learning, emotional well-being and social development," said Henrietta Fore, UNICEF Executive Director.

"Government investment in family-friendly policies, including childcare, ensures parents have the necessary time, resources and services they need to support their children at every stage of their development."

The highest-ranking countries in the report's league table combine affordability with quality of organized childcare. At the same time, they offer long and well-paid leave to both mothers and fathers, giving parents a choice in how to care for their children.

Paid prenatal, maternal and paternal leave enables parents to bond with their babies, supports healthy child development, lowers maternal depression and increases gender equality. However, the report notes that less than half of countries offer at least 32 weeks of leave at full pay for mothers.

When paternal leave is offered – always substantially shorter – few fathers take it because of professional and cultural barriers, though this trend is changing.

While well-designed leave helps parents during the early moments of a child's life, once this support ends and parents are ready to return to work, childcare can help parents secure a balance between caring for their children, paid work, and taking care of their own well-being.

Yet, the end of paid leave rarely coincides with the start of entitlements to affordable childcare, leaving families struggling to fill this gap. Lack of affordable childcare is also a key barrier for parents, compounding socioeconomic inequalities within countries. In high-income households, nearly half of children under 3 years old attend early childhood education, compared to less than 1 in 3 in low-income households.

The report notes that COVID-19-related closures of childcare facilities have pushed families of young children into further difficult circumstances. Many parents have been struggling to balance childcare and the responsibilities of their employment, while others have lost their jobs entirely.

Third wave inevitable, could hit India in 6 to 8 weeks: AIIMS Chief

New Delhi, June 20- A third COVID wave in India is "inevitable", and it could hit the country in the next six to eight weeks, AIIMS Chief Dr. Randeep Guleria told yesterday amid unlocking in parts of the country after weeks of strict restrictions.

The country's main challenge is vaccinating a huge population and the increase in dose gaps for Covishield "may not be a bad" approach to provide protection to cover more people, he explained.

A new frontier will have to be developed in India's fight against COVID to further study the mutation of the virus, Dr. Guleria stressed, as he talked about the new Delta-plus variant, which has evolved from the Delta variant of COVID-19, triggering fresh concerns about monoclonal antibody treatment.

"As we have started unlocking, there is again a lack of COVID-appropriate behaviour. We don't seem to have learnt from what happened between the first and the second wave. Again crowds are building up... people are gathering. It will take some time for the number of cases to start rising at the national level. Third wave is inevitable and it could hit the country within the next six to eight weeks... may be a little longer," Dr. Guleria said.

"It all depends on how we go ahead in terms of COVID-appropriate behaviour and preventing crowds," he added.

Kapila river bed cleared of plastic, waste

Nanjangud, June 20 (RS& DM)- Nanjangud Tahsildar Mohana Kumari has appealed people not to throw puja articles and other offerings to rivers as doing so will pollute water and does not bring any good to us.

She was speaking after launching the two-day 'Nagarasabhe Nade Kapila Nadi Swachhate Kade,' a Kapila river bed cleansing initiative jointly undertaken by Nanjangud City Municipal Council (CMC) and Taluk Administration at the bathing ghat of the river at Nanjangud town on Friday.

Pointing out that Kapila River is getting increasingly polluted due to indiscreet throwing of clothes, puja articles and other offerings to the river by devotees visiting the town's Srikanteshwaraswamy Temple, Mohana Kumari said that pollution poses a great threat to aquatic animals and other living beings.

Maintaining that river cleaning has been taken up as Corona cases is on the decline in the taluk, she said that several associations and organisations have joined hands with the Taluk Administration for cleaning work. She further said that 12 coracles are being used for the cleaning work.

CMC Commissioner Rajanna said that the CMC is taking up such initiatives on the third Saturday of every month.

Noting that cleaning machines are not being used as the water level of the river is quite high, he said that CMC will make honest efforts to keep Kapila River always clean.

Pointing out that Nanjangud MLA B. Harshavardhan has succeeded in getting Rs. 33 crore Government grant for Under Ground Drainage (UGD) works in the town, he said that the UGD works, when completed, will largely prevent wastes and other pollutants from entering the river.

CMC President H.S. Mahadevaswamy said that Nanjangud is called Dakshinakashi and lakhs of people visit the famed Srikanteshwaraswamy Temple every year.

Pointing out that Kapila River is getting polluted due to throwing of clothes, puja articles and other offerings to the waters by devotees, he appealed the devotees to refrain from doing such things.

CMC Members Girish, G. Mahadevaprasad, Siddaraju, BJP leaders Srinivasreddy, Balachandra, Venkatesh, Madhuraj, Srikanta, Umesh, Krishnam Raju and Nagendra, Nanjangud Inner Wheel Club Chairperson Vinutha, office-bearers Shilpa and Poornima, AEEs Srinivas and Mythravathi, Planning Officer Srinivas, Manager Hemanth Kumar and others were present.

Takes charge as PSI

Nanjangud, June 20- Following his transfer from Kengeri to Nanjangud, PSI Vijayaraju took charge as the new PSI (Police Sub-Inspector) of Nanjangud Town Police Station here on Friday.

Vijayaraju replaces Y.N. Ravikumar, who has been transferred to Mandya East Police Station.

Speaking after taking charge, Vijayaraju said that he will do his best for maintenance of Law and Order in the town. Pointing out that prevention of crimes is high on his priority, he said that he will work under the guidance of senior officials. He sought the co-operation of the public for ensuring peace and harmony in the town.

Lockdown violation

385 vehicles seized in two days

Mysuru, June 20- Continuing their drive against COVID lockdown offenders, Mysuru City Police, who conducted checking drives on June 17 and 19, have seized a total of 385 vehicles which were found flouting the guidelines to initiate legal action.

While 166 two-wheelers, 29 cars and five autorickshaws were seized on June 17, 148 two-wheelers, 33 cars and four autorickshaws were seized on June 19.

Mid-Day Meal workers demand financial package

Mysuru, June 20 (MTY&DM)- Urging the Government to announce a COVID package on the lines of ASHA and Anganwadi workers, Mid-Day Meal workers, under the banner of All India United Trade Union Centre (AIUTUC)-affiliated Karnataka Rajya Samyukta Akshara Dasoha Sanghatane, staged an online demonstration by displaying placards from their homes on Friday.

Maintaining that there are 5,500 Mid-Day Meal workers (Akshara Dasoha scheme) in the district, including 800 in Mysuru city, the protesters demanded that the Government must come to their help in these critical times.

Condemning the Government's decision to keep out Mid-Day Meal workers from the package, they said that Cooks are paid a meagre Rs. 2,700, while Helpers are getting a paltry Rs. 2,600 as monthly wages.

Asserting that there is perhaps no other workforce which is getting such low wages, they demanded payment of a decent salary for all the 12 months of a year.

Seeking vaccination for all Mid-Day Meal workers before the start of schools, they urged the Government to also provide them job security and health facilities.

The Sanghatane office-bearers S.H. Harish, Abhay Raj, Geethamma, Muddukrishna, Lakshmi, Jayalakshmi and others were present.

Farmers to take out 'Raj Bhavan Chalo'

Mysuru, June 20 (PM&DM)- Urging the Union Government to repeal the three newly introduced Farm Laws, farmers under the banner of KRRS (Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha) will take out a 'Raj Bhavan Chalo' on June 26, marking the completion of seventh month of the indefinite nationwide stir launched by the farmers over the issue.

Announcing this at a press meet at Jaladarshini Guest House on Hunsur Road here yesterday, KRRS President Badagalapura Nagendra urged the Government to repeal the three Farm Laws, which he claimed was detrimental to the interests of the farming community.

Pointing out that over a hundred farmers representing a total of 42 farmer groups will be taking part in 'Raj Bhavan Chalo' at Bengaluru on June 26, Nagendra said that the farmers will gather in front of Mahatma Gandhi statue at Maurya Circle there and later proceed to Raj Bhavan at 10.30 am, with all COVID precautionary and safety measures in place.

He further said that the demonstration is being taken out with the theme' Krishi Rakshisi - Prajaprabhutva Ulisi' (Protect agriculture - Save Democracy).

Contending that those who severely opposed Emergency when Indira Gandhi was the Prime Minister, are now indulged in suppression of people's voice through an undeclared Emergency, Nagendra said that the 'Raj Bhavan Chalo' is a nationwide stir, where farmer organisations will stage demonstrations in front of Raj Bhavans in all States.

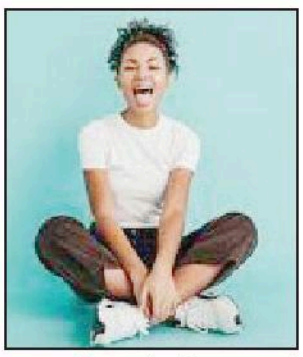
Stating that on June 26 there will be demonstrations at all District and Taluk Headquarters too, he urged the Karnataka Government to expedite Mekedatu Project in the interests of the State's farmers.

He also wanted the Union Government to withdraw the Four Labour Codes, which he said were anti-labour in nature.

Farmer leaders Hoskote Basavaraj, Jagadish Surya, P. Marankaiah and others were present.

WORD OF THE DAY

Jocund



Pronunciation: JAH-kund.
Meaning: Marked by or suggestive of high spirits and lively mirthfulness.
Origin: Don't let the etymology of jocund play tricks on you. The word comes from jucundus, a Latin word meaning "agreeable" or "delightful," and ultimately from the Latin verb juvare, meaning "to help." But jucundus looks and sounds a bit like jocus, the Latin word for "joke." These two roots took a lively romp through many centuries together and along the way the lighthearted jocus influenced the spelling and meaning of jucundus, an interaction that eventually resulted in our modern English word jocund in the 14th century.
Example: "Clearly in a jocund mood after Tuesday's program of Nordic folk songs, the Danish String Quartet arrived at Campbell Hall on Wednesday, February 14, poised to enter fully into the music of two of their greatest national composers, Hans Abrahamsen and Carl Nielsen." — Charles Donelan, The Santa Barbara (California) Independent, 20 Feb. 2019.

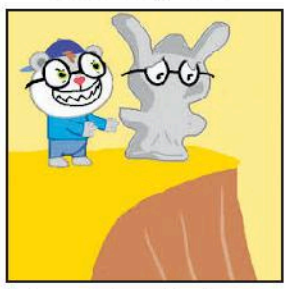
THE ODD WORD

Jabberwock

Nonsense, gibberish.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Joshing Me



Meaning: 'Joshing Me' is used to refer to someone joking with you.
Origin: The origin of the expression 'Joshing Me' can be found in the late 1800s, when a young man named Josh Tatum noticed that nickels minted in 1883 were almost the same as five-dollar gold pieces in terms of size and design. He and a friend began to electroplate these coins and pass them off as five-dollar pieces, eventually amassing a small fortune before being caught.
Example: "Kensaidhewonthelottery,butasitturnedout,hewasjustjoshingme."

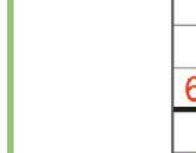
QUOTE BOX

What you do speaks so loudly that I cannot hear what you say.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:



Answer: Eye to eye [contact].

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Grad. Rec. Exam.
4 Be unwell or sick
7 Fr. miss
11 Charged atom
12 Genetic letters
13 Artificial Intelligence Advisory Committee
14 Disavows, falls back or retrogrades
17 London gallery
18 Published works
20 Degree in rank
22 Prince of Russian opera
23 Penultimate mo.
24 Carols
27 Advantageous
31 Most senior
33 Bring out
34 Ireland's ___ Lingus
35 Israeli carrier (2,2)
37 Fall guy, in a way
39 Turn out ill for? (2,4,4)
42 Fibre obtained from coconut husks
43 There is ___ ____ for this : this cannot be cured in any way? (2,6)
46 Editor's excision
47 "Cycle" or "centre" prefix
48 SA river ___ Grande
49 State dissolved in 1991
50 ___ on : betray or desert?
51 Itch or desire

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

P	L	O			I	A	C		S	L	R	
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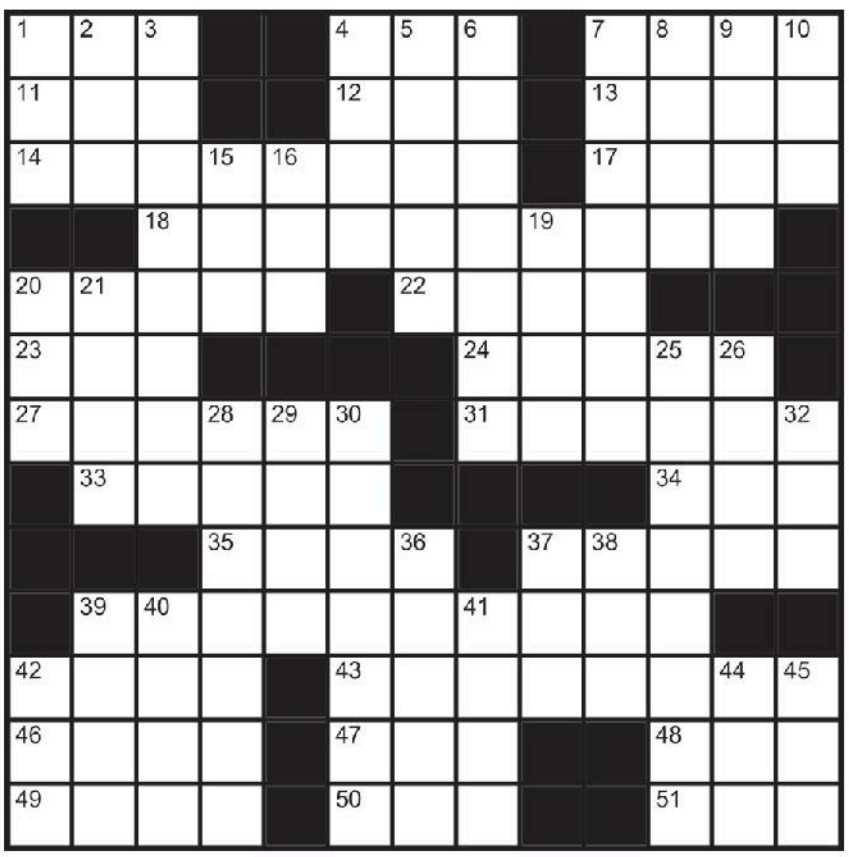
DOWN

1 Animal sanctuary in Gujarat
2 Fish eggs - "ore" anagram?
3 Fettered, not free
4 English composer
5 A short-tailed lemur - "I rind" anagram?
6 Type of pasta
7 Ripe, full-grown or adult?
8 Deceiver
9 Behind schedule?
10 Economic Community of Europe, in short?
15 El ___ : the Spanish hero?
16 Native or inhabitant as a suffix
19 Working instrument
20 Large African antelope
21 Got up like a flower!
25 Coriaceous
26 Nav. readings
28 Hitler to his Nazi followers?
29 University of California, Los Angeles, in short?
30 Beginner or tyro; rookie
32 Attempt to do something
36 Drug used to treat Parkinson's disease (1-4)
37 Large tart
38 Air Traffic Mgmnt.
39 Departs or leaves
40 Greases or lubricates
41 A legal or formal document
42 Control-Display Unit
44 Decease, perish
45 Hither's partner



SUDOKU

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				4		8		

Answer to previous puzzle

8	6	1	5	2	4	9	3	7
2	3	4	7	8	9	1	5	6
9	5	7	6	1	3	4	2	8
6	1	2	9	7	8	5	4	3
5	8	3	1	4	2	7	6	9
7	4	9	3	5	6	8	1	2
1	2	6	8	9	5	3	7	4
3	7	8	4	6	1	2	9	5
4	9	5	2	3	7	6	8	1

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

RGNY OMVNMYN TMNO OMVNPGXYE EMMT,

SAABSIT! ZMI RXBB VSDN PRM ANMABN GSAAZ.

TODAY'S CLUE: A EQUALS P

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: What's the use of worrying? It never was worthwhile.

Ration kits distributed to tourist bus drivers, mechanics

Mysuru, June 20 (MTY&DM)- More than 250 tourist bus drivers and mechanics were distributed ration kits at a programme organised under the aegis of Mysuru Tourist Bus Owners Association near Dasara Exhibition Grounds here on Friday.

The kits were donated by Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda and his son G.D. Harish Gowda, President of MCDCC Bank.

Speaking on the occasion, Mysuru Tourist Bus Owners Association President A. V. Prithviraj said that the operation of tourist buses has been completely stopped following the second wave of COVID -19 attack that has resulted in huge financial loss to bus owners and also loss of jobs. Noting that drivers, mechanics and all others associated with bus operations are finding it difficult to lead a decent life in the backdrop of loss of income, he said that the Association taking note of their plight, has distributed ration kits to them.

Reminding that tourist buses came to the rescue of the Government when KSRTC staff went on an indefinite strike in April this year, Prithviraj bemoaned that the Government has failed to come to their help in this hour of crisis. He wanted the Government to announce a financial package for Tourist bus operators who are in deep crisis due to loss of income and mounting taxes. Association office-bearers Somanna, Dayanand, K.M. Durgesh and others were present.

Rotary to stop distribution of food packets from tomorrow

Mysuru, June 20 (MTY& SSV)- After feeding the hungry bellies for 50 days non-stop, the Rotary Clubs of Mysuru have decided to stop distribution of food packets in City from tomorrow (June 21).

Addressing a press meet at Patrakarthara Bhavan yesterday morning, Rotary Club of Mid-Town President A.N. Aiyanna said they started free food distribution on May 10 when the then MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag had appealed voluntary organisations to feed poor people due to lockdown.

With a view to helping people in distress owing to second wave of Covid-19 pandemic, they began distributing 2,500 food packets daily to people in distress at N.R. Choultry, CITB Choultry, nurses of various Hospitals and pourakarmikas. So far, they have supplied 65,000 food packets worth Rs.9 lakh. "Tomorrow (June 20) is last day of this service. We will like to thank all the Government agencies for the support," he added.

He said members of over 20 Rotary Clubs made voluntary donation towards this cause. Besides, they were personally present at the kitchen where the food is prepared and helped in packing and distribution of food packets to various locations. Even children of Dwarakanagar collected Rs.20,000 and donated it towards this noble cause. Several individuals and organisations have made voluntary donation to feed the hungry people, he noted.

Aiyanna said that Rotary donated 20 oxygen concentrators and other medical equipments worth Rs. 20 lakh to PKTB Hospital. They have donated other items worth Rs 29 lakhs during the second wave.

Rotarians Manjesh Kumar, Mahesh, Rohith, Arunkumar, N.S. Anand and others were present.

MLA L. Nagendra gives away grocery kits to poor

Mysuru, June 20 (PM&DM)- Chamaraja MLA L. Nagendra on Friday launched distribution of Ration kits, sponsored by Malabar Gold Company, at a programme organised at Ganigara street in Chamaraja Mohalla.

The MLA symbolically distributed ration kits to 150 poor families on the occasion.

Melukote Vangipura Mutt Seer Sri Ilai Alwar Swamiji, Corporator Pramila Bharath, Malabar Gold Company's Sharfuddin, BJP leaders Sachin, Rajendra, Mohan, Murugesh, Gopalkrishna, Srinivas, Surendra, Charan and others were present.

Congress members give petrol at Re.1 per litre in city

Mysuru, June 20 (PM&SSV)- In connection with 51st birthday of former AICC President Rahul Gandhi, members of the Youth Congress distributed petrol at Re. 1 per litre at a petrol bunk on JLB Road in City yesterday morning.

Led by Congress leader N.M. Naveen Kumar and City Youth Congress President, M. Haris, the Congress activists held this 'mock' protest by distributing petrol at Re. 1 per litre. Naveen Kumar said this mock protest was held to condemn the BJP led NDA Government at the Centre headed by PM Narendra Modi for hiking the fuel prices without bothering about its impact on the common people. Already, the cost of petrol has crossed Rs. 100 per litre in Bengaluru. The Union Government earns Rs.3. 50 lakh crore from the sales of petrol and diesel.

Even though the crude oil price was less in the international market, the BJP Government is still hiking the fuel prices burdening the common man, he added. Maruti, Chethan and others were present.

Congress hands over food kit, insurance bond to COVID Warriors

Mysuru, June 20 (RKB&SSV)- Mysuru City District Congress Committee distributed Corona Kavach Insurance Bond worth Rs. 2 lakh each to ambulance drivers and last rite performers of those who died of Coronavirus, in connection with 51st birthday of former AICC President, Rahul Gandhi on Friday.

At a function held at Congress Bhavan here, former MP and KPCC Working President R. Dhruvanarayan distributed insurance bond and grocery kits to the beneficiaries.

Speaking on the occasion, he said his party was responding to problems of COVID-19 hit people. Legislators, leaders and party workers from each Assembly Constituency have contributed crores of rupees towards helping people in distress. On behalf of party, they have given 250 ambulances and food kits.

He said that KPCC President D.K. Shivakumar distributed food kits to distressed people in Mandya. A similar programme was held in Hassan. There was serpentine queue of people in almost all the places to collect food kit which tells about people's condition.

Acting Mayor Anwar Baig, District Congress President Dr. B.J. Vijaykumar, Youth Congress District President Donald, City Spokesperson Mahesh and others were present.

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